

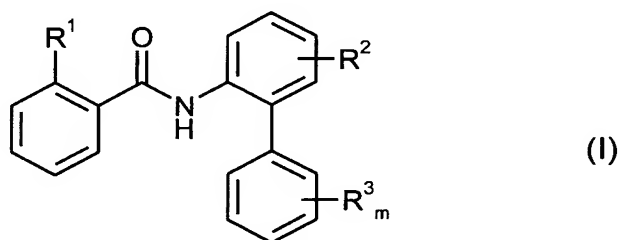
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-53 (canceled)

-- Claim 54 (new): A method for controlling unwanted phytopathogenic micro-organisms selected from the group consisting of Xanthomonas species, Pseudomonas species, Erwinia species, Erysiphe species, Sphaerotheca species, Cochliobolus species, Uromyces species, Puccinia species, Tilletia species, Ustilago species, Pellicularia species, and Leptosphaeria species comprising applying to the microorganisms and/or their habitat a microbicidal composition comprising

(1) one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (I)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen,

R³ represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms, and

m represents 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, where the radicals R³ may be identical or different if m represents 2, 3, 4, or 5, and

(2) one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 55 (new): A method according to Claim 54 wherein, for the biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (I),

R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

- R^2 represents hydrogen,
- R^3 represents halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or represents C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkoxy, or C_1 - C_4 -haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 9 halogen atoms, and
- m represents 1, 2, or 3, where the radicals R^3 may be identical or different if m represents 2 or 3.

Claim 56 (new): A method according to Claim 54 wherein, for the biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (I),

- R^1 represents trifluoromethyl or iodine,
- R^2 represents hydrogen,
- R^3 represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, n-, i-propyl, n-, i-, s-, or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, or ethylthio; or represents C_1 - C_2 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_2 -haloalkoxy, or C_1 - C_2 -haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms, and
- m represents 1 or 2, where the radicals R^3 may be identical or different if m represents 2.

Claim 57 (new): A method according to Claim 54 wherein, for the biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (I),

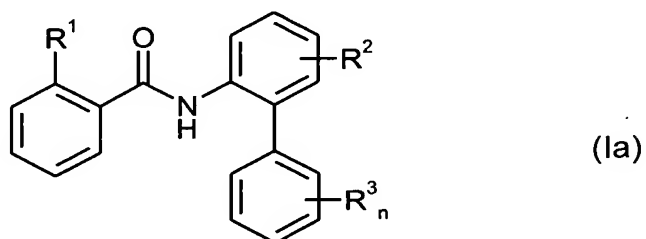
- R^1 represents trifluoromethyl or iodine,
- R^2 represents hydrogen,
- R^3 represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy, methylthio, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or trifluoromethylthio, and
- m represents 1, 2, where the radicals R^3 may be identical or different if m represents 2.

Claim 58 (new): A method according to Claim 54 wherein the microorganism is *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *oryzae*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lachrymans*, *Erwinia amylovora*, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea*, *Cochliobolus sativus* (conidia form: *Drechslera*, syn: *Helminthosporium*), *Uromyces appendiculatus*, *Puccinia recondita*,

Tilletia caries, *Ustilago nuda* or *Ustilago avenae*, *Pellicularia sasakii*, or *Leptosphaeria nodorum*.

Claim 59 (new): A process for preparing a microbicidal composition comprising mixing one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 54 with extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 60 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ia)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine;

R² represents hydrogen,

R³ represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms, and

n represents 2, 3, 4, or 5, where the radicals R³ may be identical or different.

Claim 61 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60

in which

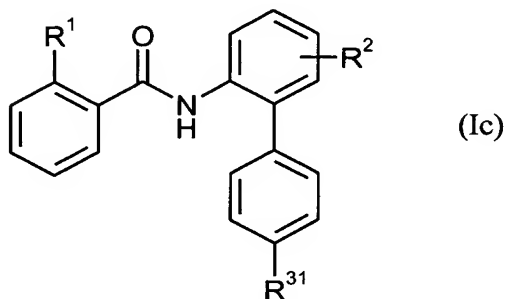
R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen,

R³ represents halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, or C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 9 halogen atoms, and

n represents 2 or 3, where the radicals R³ may be identical or different.

Claim 62 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ic)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³¹ represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms,

with the proviso that R³¹ does not represent fluorine if R¹ represents trifluoromethyl.

Claim 63 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ic) according to Claim 62

in which

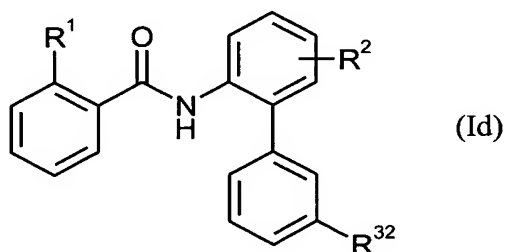
R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³¹ represents halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 9 halogen atoms,

with the proviso that R³¹ does not represent fluorine if R¹ represents trifluoromethyl.

Claim 64 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Id)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³² represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms.

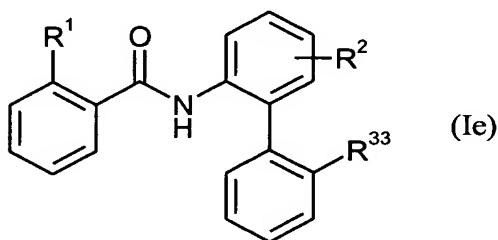
Claim 65 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Id) according to Claim 64 in which

R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³² represents halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 9 halogen atoms.

Claim 66 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ie)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³³ represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms,

with the proviso that R³³ does not represent fluorine if R¹ represents trifluoromethyl.

Claim 67 (new): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ie) according to Claim 66 in which

R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen, and

R³³ represents halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₂-C₄-alkenyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 9 halogen atoms,

with the proviso that R³³ does not represent fluorine if R¹ represents trifluoromethyl.

Claim 68 (new): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 69 (new): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ic) according to Claim 62 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 70 (new): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Id) according to Claim 64 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 71 (new): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ie) according to Claim 66 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 72 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 73 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ic) according to Claim 62 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 74 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Id) according to Claim 64 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 75 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ie) according to Claim 66 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 76 (new): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 77 (new): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ic) according to Claim 62 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 78 (new): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Id) according to Claim 64 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 79 (new): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ie) according to Claim 66 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants. --